

St. Philip Parish Council Meeting

June 23 2025

NB there was no meeting in May 2025.

Present: Allen Doerksen, Larry Anthony, Marcus Schlag, Judith Armstrong, Dave Conway, Gerianne Knowles-Robson, Mark Laidlaw (minutes)

Regrets: Evelyn Savage, Judith Slimmon, Jackie Prowse

Meeting came to order at 7:05pm; AD opened with prayer

June Agenda Review

- Propose tabling “Invite Welcome Connect” discussion; replace with discussion about St. Matthias.
- Approved as amended

April Minutes Review *with business arising if any*

- LA reports on parish gift on the occasion of Rev. Rebecca’s ordination.
- Business arising: AD to initiate contact with donor about thanks event for sound system and coordinate dates with DC.
- It was noted that May meeting was cancelled due to illness/travel/lack of quorum – there are therefore **no minutes for May 2025**.
- Approved as circulated

Rector’s report –

- Report on meeting with St. Matthias Wardens and Rector.
- Meeting occurred on May 26 at LA’s. AD and LA attended as did St. Matthias Rector and Wardens.
- Open-ended discussion ensued, to gauge level of interest or openness to conversation.
- AD’s experience is necessity of engagement of lay leadership; bottom up not top down.
- Great initial connection.

Treasurer’s report

- ML circulated a report on finances for Jan-June 2025.
- Consensus around deferring capital maintenance items.

Children

- Plans update
 - AD, Melinda, Jennie had zoom meeting
 - Jennie (August) and Melinda (July) to cover summer
 - Need to make decision about curriculum – discussion around resource opportunities and challenges with Godly play.
 - Discussion re Safe Church requirements for supervision.

Youth

- AD and MS to meet
- Lisa has expressed interest in involvement
- Potential for partnering with St. Barnabas

Communications update

- social media policy & personal information
 - need permission from people for inclusion in our social media
 - for events where it’s expected that pictures will be taken notice will be given

- 2nd sandwich board purchased

Missions update

- South Island Counselling to speak in Aug during announcements
- Discussion around whether to invite other donees to speak.
- Hospital in Gaza

St.Matthias discussion

- AD and Wardens to organize congregational meeting around the question “Are we being called to be St.Philip’s in another location?”
- bring together groups who can explore/answer questions
 - shared ministry
 - cost implications
 - process

Next meeting date: I think we have consensus on trying Monday for a while. Next meeting would be Monday, July 28 at 7 pm